Registry of Pandupara Palapalli.

157. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha*) :

(*a*) Do the Government, in accordance with their original decision, propose to auction immediately, in small blocks, the swampy area known as *Pandupara Palapalli* in the Manjapra *pakuthi* of the Kunnatnad taluk, which was disafforested from the Reserves a few years ago?

(*b*) Do the Government know that, if this is done, it will bring in a large revenue to the State?

(*c*) Did not the people, on a former occasion, clear the jungles in the said area for paddy cultivation and did not the Forest Department object to it at that time?

(*d*) Do the Government know whether anybody has now begun paddy cultivation within the said area?

(*e*) If so, has the Forest or the Revenue Department objected to it, as on the former occasion?

(*f*) Is it in disregard of the objections of these departments that the land is now being cultivated?

(*g*) If so, what action have the Forest or the Revenue officers taken in the matter?

(*h*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether any preliminary steps are in progress for registering this area in extensive blocks?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government.*) :

(*a*) Government do not propose to auction immediately in small blocks the swampy lands known as *Pandupara Palapalli* disafforested from the Malayattur Reserve. As these lands are likely to be commanded by the Adirapalli irrigation scheme under contemplation, Government have decided that these lands should not be assigned till that scheme is finally settled.

(*b*) Government are aware that some revenue can be realised if the lands are sold in auction immediately. But they consider it desirable to wait until the Adirapalli scheme matures.

(*c*) Government have no information about this.

(*d*) to (*g*) The Conservator of Forests has reported to Government that attempts are being made by some people from Manjapra to enter on and cultivate the lands. The Forest Department has objected to such encroachments. On the Conservator's report, Government have issued orders to the Land Revenue Commissioner to arrange for the unauthorised entry being prevented and the defaulters being brought to book.

(*h*) The answer is in the negative.

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